Trade Between India and Thailand

4894. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade between India and Thailand has registered a tremendous growth during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total turn over during the above years;

(c) whether there is further scope to expand Indo–Thailand trade;

(d) if so, the plans drawn up by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the follow–up action taken to implement those plans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As per DGCI&S' statistics, India–Thailand trade during the last three years has been as under:

(In Rs. crores)

Year	*Export*	*Import*	*Total trade*
1988–89	191.66	221.01	412.67
1989–90	316.95	148.20	465.15
1990–91	442.76	115.72	558.48

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). During the 5th meeting of the Indo–Thailand Joint Trade Committee held at New Delhi in November, 1991, the two sides reiterated the need for diversification and expansion of trade. The two delegations identified items of export interest to either side. Trade promotional measures such as departmental, store promotion campaign in Bangkok, counter–trade, joint venture tie–ups and Indian participation in Thai projects were identified as means to achieve the goal of enhanced trade.

Family Courts

4895. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of disputes relating to marriage and family matters are pending in the courts for long period;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up more family courts in the country to dispose of such cases, and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The desired information about pendency is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). It has been the policy of the Government to encourage the setting up of